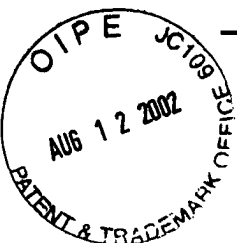


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination of the above referenced application, please amend the application as indicated below.